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1. DURING REVIEW OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL
MEETING WITH MINISTER RUGGIERO, FOREIGN MINISTRY
COORDINATOR FOR EC AND TRADE AFFAIRS, ON JUNE 29,
ECMIN REITERATED STRONG US DESIRE FOR EC (I.E. ITALY)
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CONCESSION ON CITRUS AND TOBACCO. RUGGIERO RESPONDED
THAT US SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSION RE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH
CONCESSIONS.

2. ON SUBJECT OF CITRUS, HE SAID THIS WAS
AN IMPORTANT ISSUE OF COMMUNITY POLICY, IN THAT
MEDITERRANEAN PREFERENCES REPRESENTED IMPORTANT

PART OF COMMUNITY POLICY TOWARD MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, AND FURTHER LIBERALIZATION WOULD DILUTE BENEFIT OF ACCESSION TO SPAIN. RUGGIERO ASSERTED THAT OTHER EC MEMBERS (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FRANCE IN THIS CONNECTION) WERE VERY INTERESTED IN THESE ISSUES).

3. INSOFAR AS ITALY'S SPECIFIC INTERESTS ARE CONCERNED, RUGGIERO INSISTED THAT ITALIAN PRODUCERS WERE VERY INTERESTED IN THE EC MARKET AND WERE STRIVING TO INCREASE THEIR EXPORTS TO IT. IN ADDITION, HE STATED THAT US POLICIES WOULD PRODUCE GREATER COMPETITION TO ITALIAN CITRUS PRODUCTS IN EC AT VERY TIME THAT ITALY IS SEEKING TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY REGIME FOR "MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS" PRODUCED BY EC MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. RUGGIERO MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMENTS ABOUT TOBACCO. GARDNER

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